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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AL PCT Application WO 01/095841

AT U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0003865

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited in a Search Report dated March 17, 2004 from the United Kingdom Patent Office rendered in connection with the British counterpart application. A copy of the United Kingdom Search Report is submitted herewith. Both of the references were cited in Category "A" as general background information.

Since both of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.



As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken alone or in combination, or in combination with any of the previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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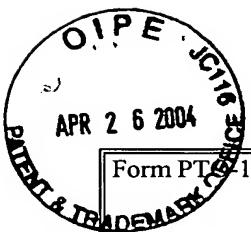
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